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Serial No.: 09/825,580 ) Group Art Unit: 1614  
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Filed: April 2, 2001 ) Examiner: Phillip Gambel  
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For: INHIBITION OF THROMBOSIS BY )  
TREATMENT WITH P-SELECTIN )  
ANTAGONISTS )

Director of the Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated September 23, 2002, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 from the following groups of claims:

- Group I - Claims 1-22, drawn to methods of treating thrombosis with a P-selectin antagonist
- Group II - Claims 23-24, drawn to methods of increasing the movement of cells relative to blood vessels with a P-selectin antagonist
- Group III - Claims 25-27, drawn to methods of inhibiting the effect of thrombus-inducing agents with a P-selectin antagonist

Applicants traverse. As the Examiner indicated, all claims in the application are in the same class and subclass (Class 514, subclass 8). Therefore, the search for each of the groups would be co-extensive. Thus, because there is no serious burden in examining all claim at once, the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn. MPEP § 803.

Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute Group I, claims 1-22,  
drawn to methods of treating thrombosis with a P-selectin antagonist.

No fee is believed to be due with this response. If any fees are necessary,  
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Respectfully submitted,

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